

## Minutes of Tree & Forest Committee Meeting Oct 15, 2020

at Laston Park Outdoors. Mask Required.

1. Call to order at 5pm
  - a. Attended by Jim Neureuther, Eammon Coughlin, Bill Carr. Absent: George Kellar
2. Minutes from Sept 10, 2020 meeting approved without change
3. Treasurer's Report
  - a. FY21 Town Operating budget Account \$1000 (no change)
  - b. Tree Committee Donations Account \$4,371.49 (increase of \$705 with transfer from Grant Account)
  - c. Tree Committee Grant Account \$0 (\$705 grant money transfer to donations Account to cover expense of DED injection for King Elmer)
4. Laston Park Tree Planting
  - a. Members walked the path at Laston Park and discussed locations for 4 new native species trees for the Laston Arboretum. These trees will be dug from property of Tim Zalasco in Florida, Ma who offered them to the Tree Committee for free.
    - i. Red Oak. Grows up to 100 ft. Prefers well drained soil.
    - ii. Yellow Birch. Grows up to 70 ft
    - iii. Black Birch. Grows up to 80 ft.
    - iv. Striped Maple. Grows up to 35 ft. Prefers shade. Moist soil.
  - b. After discussion, the preferred spot for the Red Oak will be at the start of the walking path near the ball field backstop. The location will be far behind in the out of play area and in years to come will provide nice shade for spectators.
  - c. The Yellow and Black birch trees will be planted at the south end of the walking path and located in the open area set back from the current row of trees. These trees will be set behind and to the left and right of the struggling Red Chestnut.
  - d. The Striped Maple is an understory tree and will be placed close to the existing trees on the brookside of the walking path near the picnic grove.
  - e. Members selected weekend of Oct 25/25 as the preferred date to dig up and replant these trees.
    - i. Trees are about 1" caliper. 8-10 ft tall. They will be hand dug at Tim's. The holes at Laston Park will also be hand dug.
5. Other Business
  - a. Update Volunteer time. Currently at 215 hrs YTD

Meeting was adjourned at 5:39pm